

- Expand Biz Boost for North Carolina Manufacturers—a program that targets resources and technical assistance to help NC businesses keep and add jobs and enhance their competitiveness.
- Institute a Film Industry Workforce Training program, which will provide funds to Cape Fear Community College and Forsyth Technical Community College to train up to 400 workers for production crews.
- Invest in the Biotechnology Strategic Growth Loan Fund to support technology-based, entrepreneurial companies with an already established technical proof-of-concept
- Fund an AgBiotech Initiative to provide targeted funding for certain commercially relevant ag-biotech research projects in North Carolina.
- Invest in an Energy Research and Green Jobs initiative to provide funds to Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to support energy research and green jobs; and invest in the North Carolina New Energy Production Initiative, which provides funds to promote energy production in North Carolina and in state and federal waters offshore, and explores new manufacturing opportunities linked to low natural gas prices.

Investing in Our Military Families

We must honor the sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women while preserving and enhancing North Carolina's well-earned reputation as the most military-friendly state in America. Gov. Perdue's budget invests in initiatives that enhance educational and job opportunities for those who have served our nation. Her budget also provides funds to improve the quality-of-life in communities where military installations are located. These initiatives include: